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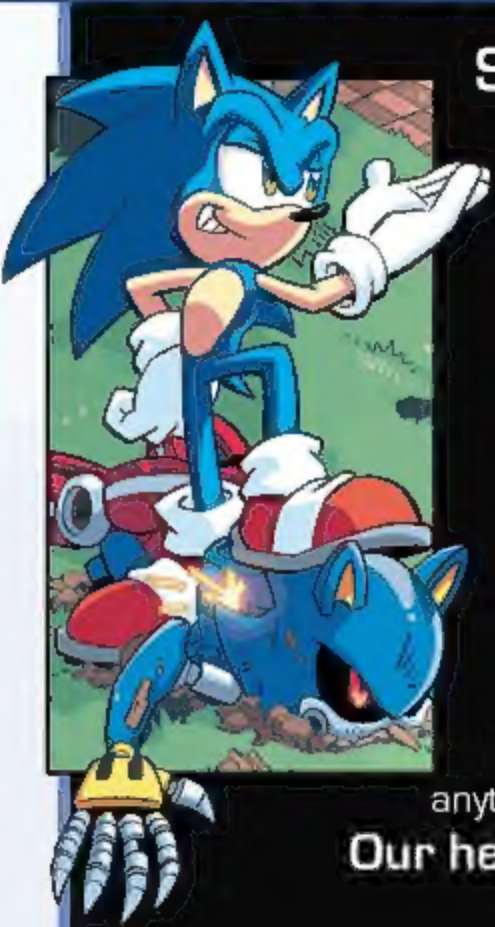

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MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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DR. EGGMAN
MAD SCIENTIST

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"THIS POOR CITY HAS ALREADY SEEN MORE THAN ITS FAIR SHARE OF DISASTERS.
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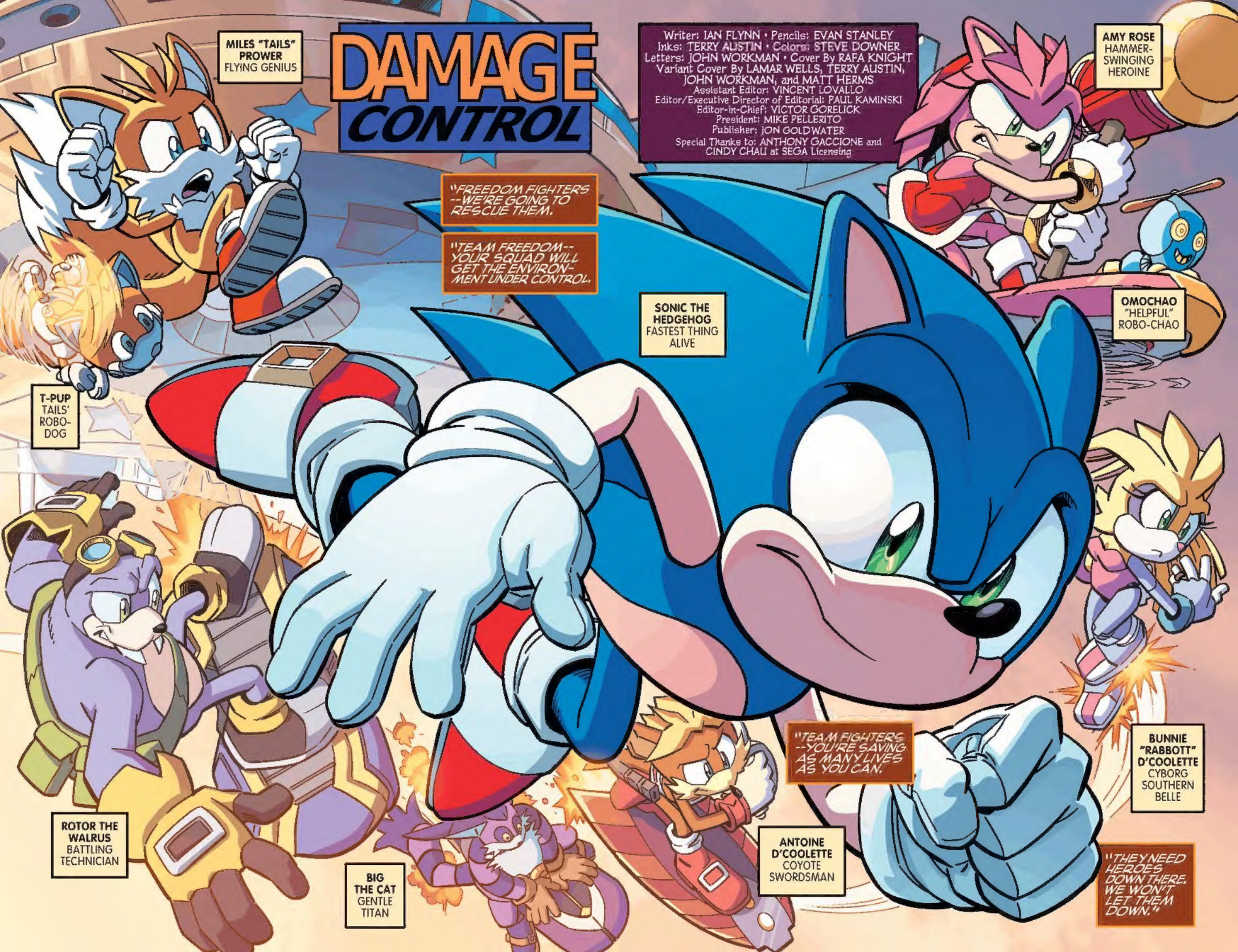
"NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SITTING RIGHT ON A FAULT LINE.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"THEY NEED HEROES DOWN THERE. WE WON'T LET THEM DOWN."

ABOARD THE SKY PATROL, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' MOBILE BASE OF OPERATIONS...

T-CAM

O-CAM

SONIC, YOU'RE A RUNNER FOR BOTH TEAMS. T-PUP AND OMOCHAO WILL BE FEEDING ME YOUR PROGRESS WHILE I DIRECT YOU FROM HERE.

SALLY ACORN
TEAM LEADER

THIS IS BAD, AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. I'LL WATCH YOUR BACKS AS BEST I CAN, BUT LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER. WE...WE CAN HANDLE THIS. WE *HAVE* TO HANDLE THIS.

I...I SHOULD BE OUT THERE. I SHOULD BE HELP-ING, TOO. I'M N-NOT AFRAID...*REALLY!*

CREAM THE RABBIT
HEROINE-IN-TRAINING

CHEESE THE CHAO
CREAM'S COMPANION

I NEED YOU TWO HERE. IF I NEED ANY HELP, IT'S UP TO YOU AND CHEESE TO SUPPORT ME. GOT IT?

OH! YES, MA'AM!

CHAO-CHAO!

BUT...AFTER EVERY-ONE WAS UPSET BY THOSE VISIONS...*

...CAN THEY HANDLE SAVING A WHOLE CITY?

WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF DEALING WITH ...*THAT*...RIGHT NOW.

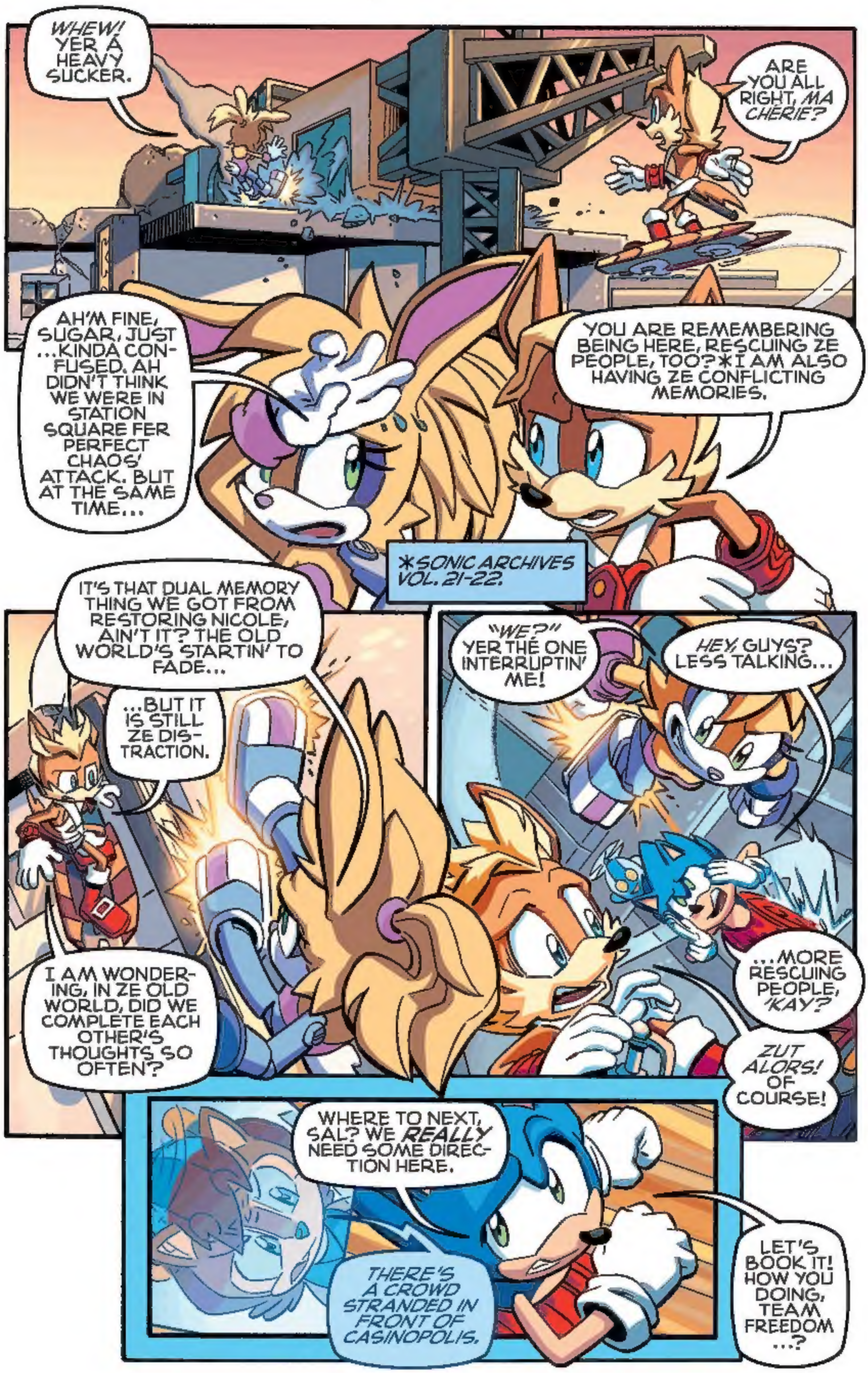
*"STH #252-256 "COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS."

NICOLE THE HOLO-LYNX
LIVING COMPUTER

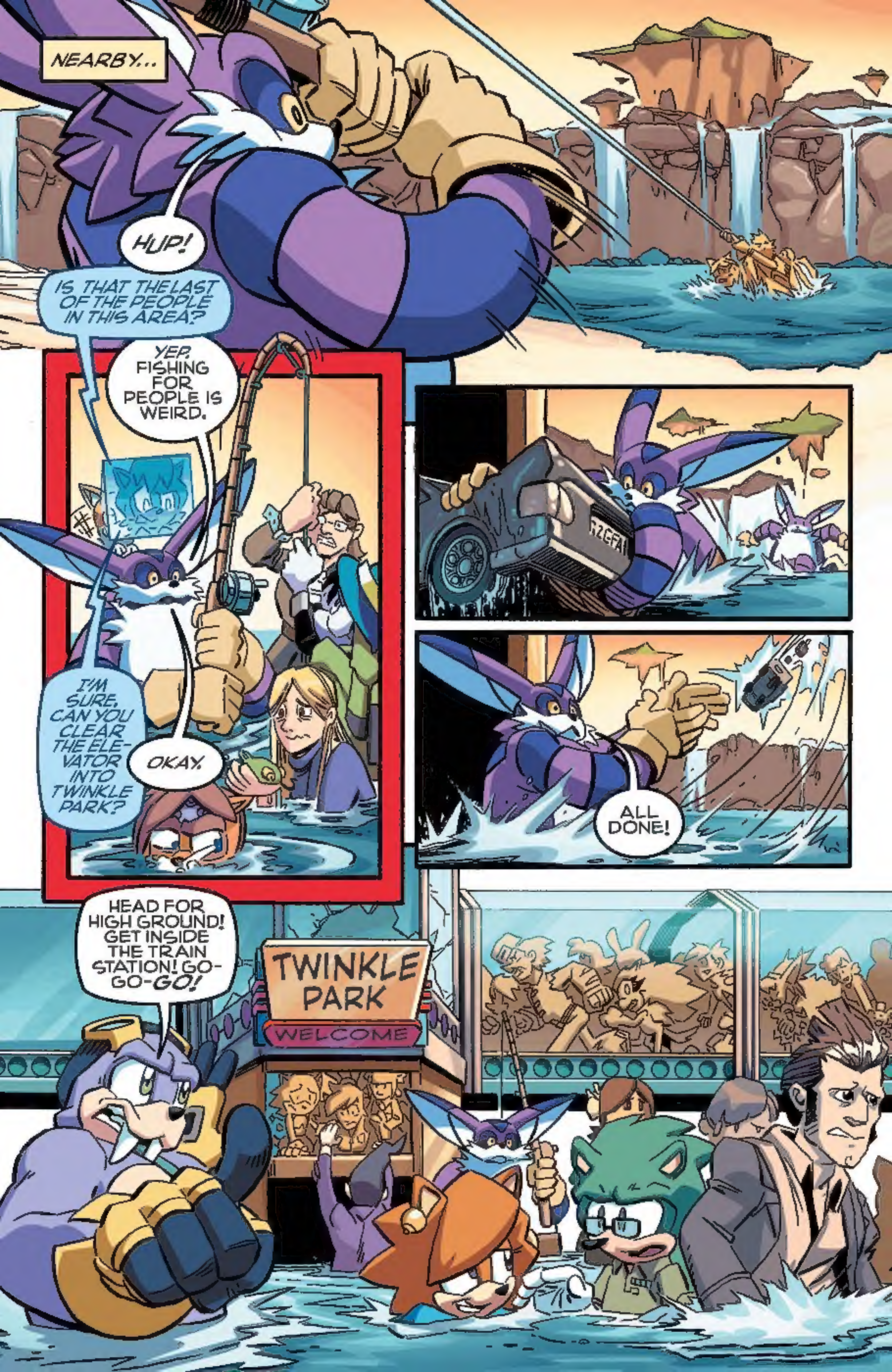
ALL POWERED UP, NICOLE? GOOD. WHAT NEWS ARE YOU GETTING FROM THE WORLD NETWORKS? I NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR NEXT MOVE IS.

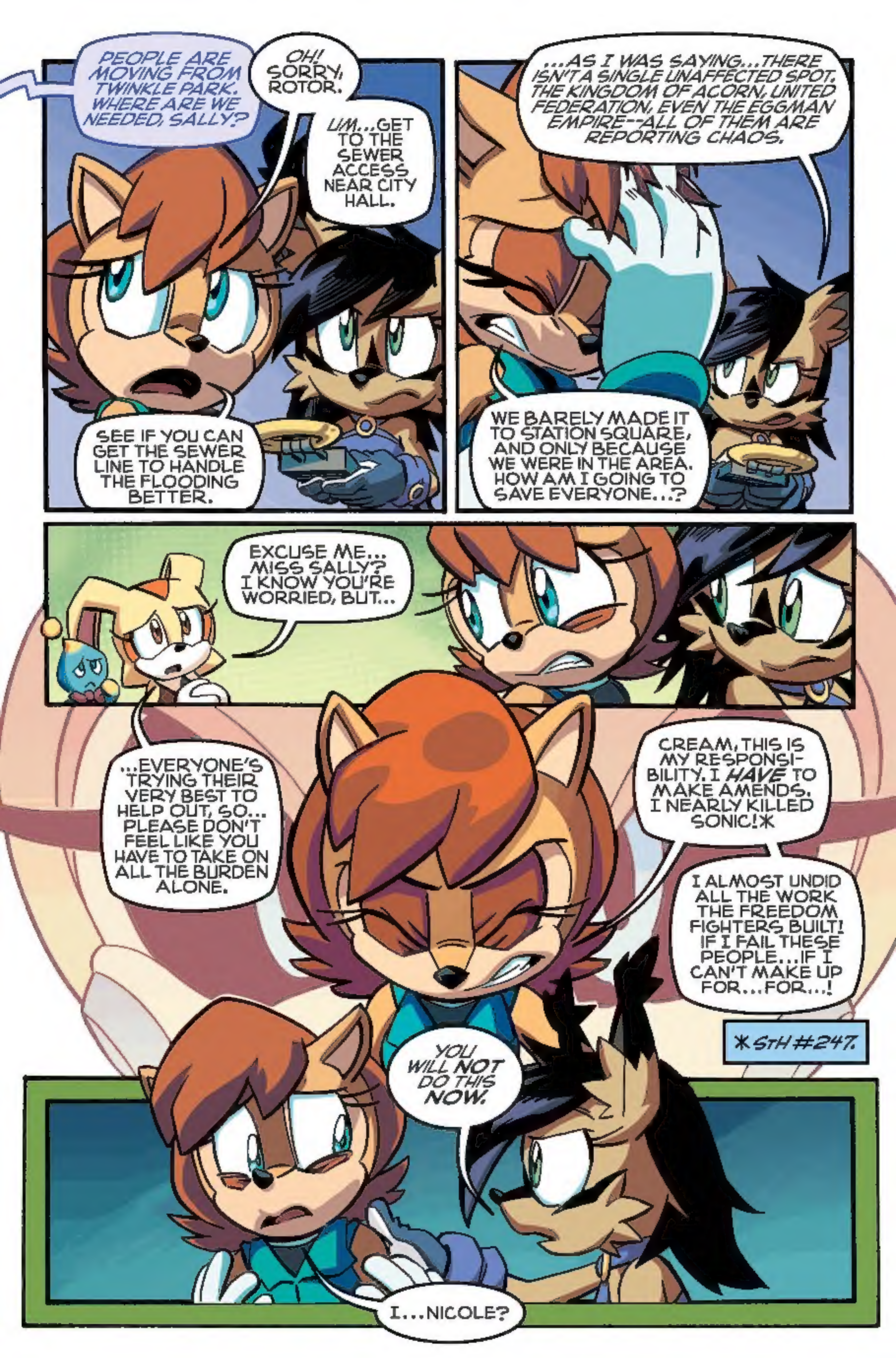
IT'S BAD, SALLY...

"...IT'S VERY VERY BAD..."
THE LOST WORLD
CREEEAAK!
CRASH!
HRRRGH! I GOT THE CRANE! SOMEBODY HANDLE THAT CABLE!
SNIP
SONIC! AMY! ZIS LINE NEEDS SECURING!
I'LL FIND SOME-PLACE TO WEDGE IT ON THIS END!
ONE SAFETY LINE COMING UP!
PIKO!

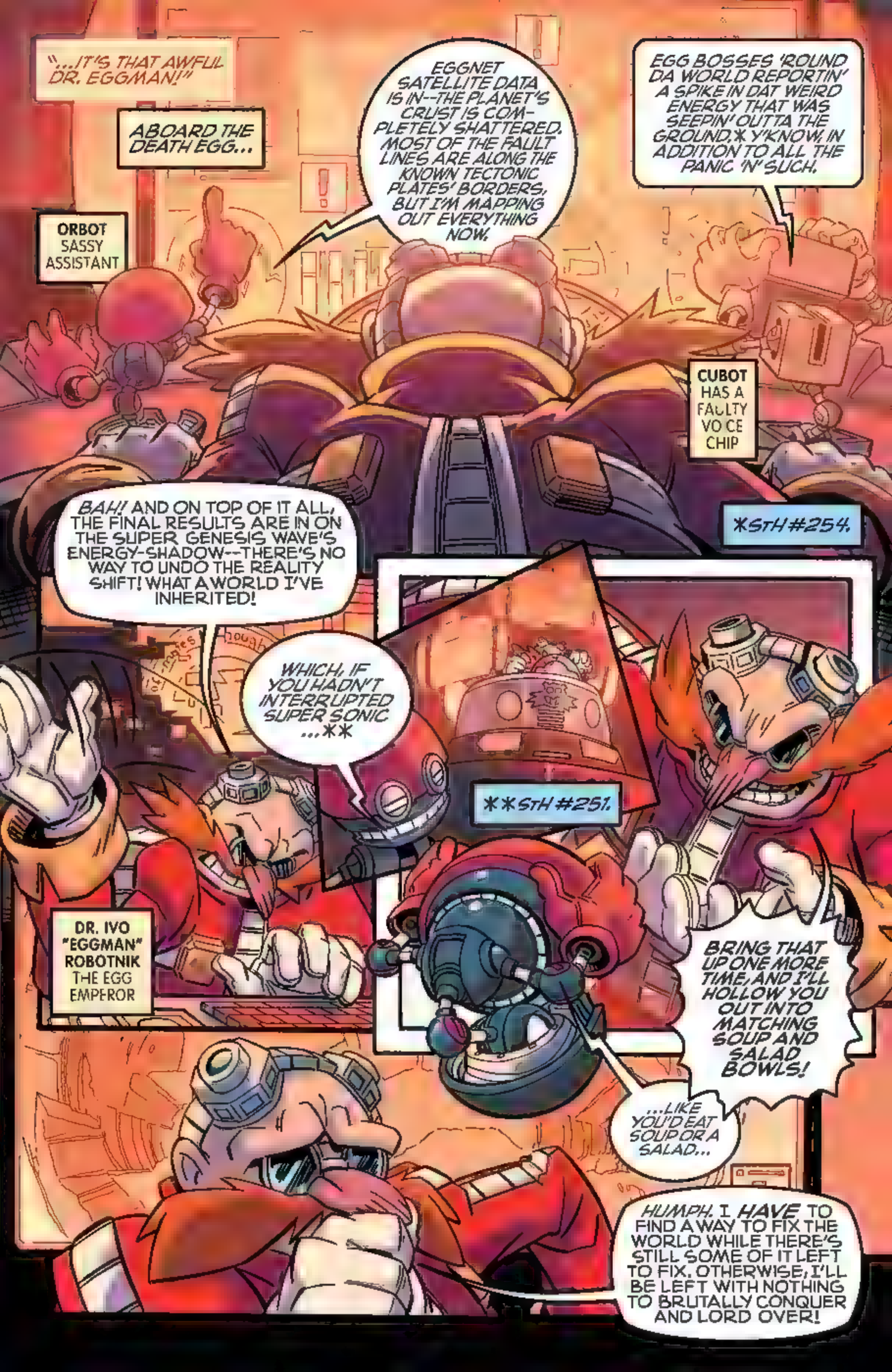

WHEW! YER A HEAVY SUCKER.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MA CHÉRIE?
AH'M FINE, SUGAR, JUST ...KINDA CONFUSED. AH DIDN'T THINK WE WERE IN STATION SQUARE FER PERFECT CHAOS' ATTACK. BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
YOU ARE REMEMBERING BEING HERE, RESCUING ZE PEOPLE, TOO?*I AM ALSO HAVING ZE CONFLICTING MEMORIES.
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 21-22.
IT'S THAT DUAL MEMORY THING WE GOT FROM RESTORING NICOLE, AIN'T IT? THE OLD WORLD'S STARTIN' TO FADE...
...BUT IT IS STILL ZE DISTRACTION.
I AM WONDERING, IN ZE OLD WORLD, DID WE COMPLETE EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS SO OFTEN?
"WE?" YER THE ONE INTERRUPTIN' ME!
HEY, GUYS? LESS TALKING...
...MORE RESCUING PEOPLE, 'KAY?
ZUT ALORS! OF COURSE!
WHERE TO NEXT, SAL? WE REALLY NEED SOME DIRECTION HERE.
THERE'S A CROWD STRANDED IN FRONT OF CASINOPOLIS.
LET'S BOOK IT! HOW YOU DOING, TEAM FREEDOM ...?

WE'RE OVER AT TWINKLE PARK. THERE'RE PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE. I'VE ALMOST GOT THE DOORS OPEN.
SALLY, I'M SENDING T-PUP TO ROTOR, TO SEE IF HE'S GOT THE ELEVATOR WORKING YET.
ARF! ARF!
ROTOR? WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
THUMBS UP!
GREAT. I'LL SEND T-PUP TO SCOUT AHEAD.
SPLASH!
UH-OH, T-PUP... EVEN WHEN ROTOR GETS THE ELEVATOR WORKING, IT'LL BE BLOCKED BY THAT DEBRIS!
TWINKLE PARK
WELCOME


NEARBY...
HUP!
IS THAT THE LAST OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA?
YEP. FISHING FOR PEOPLE IS WEIRD.
I'M SURE. CAN YOU CLEAR THE ELE-VATOR INTO TWINKLE PARK?
OKAY.
ALL DONE!
HEAD FOR HIGH GROUND! GET INSIDE THE TRAIN STATION! GO-GO-GO!
TWINKLE PARK
WELCOME


PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM TWINKLE PARK. WHERE ARE WE NEEDED, SALLY?
OH! SORRY, ROTOR.
UM...GET TO THE SEWER ACCESS NEAR CITY HALL.
SEE IF YOU CAN GET THE SEWER LINE TO HANDLE THE FLOODING BETTER.
...AS I WAS SAYING...THERE ISN'T A SINGLE UNAFFECTED SPOT. THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, UNITED FEDERATION, EVEN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE--ALL OF THEM ARE REPORTING CHAOS.
WE BARELY MADE IT TO STATION SQUARE, AND ONLY BECAUSE WE WERE IN THE AREA. HOW AM I GOING TO SAVE EVERYONE...?
EXCUSE ME... MISS SALLY? I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED, BUT...
...EVERYONE'S TRYING THEIR VERY BEST TO HELP OUT, SO... PLEASE DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO TAKE ON ALL THE BURDEN ALONE.
CREAM, THIS IS MY RESPONSI-BILITY. I HAVE TO MAKE AMENDS. I NEARLY KILLED SONIC!*
I ALMOST UNDID ALL THE WORK THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BUILT! IF I FAIL THESE PEOPLE...IF I CAN'T MAKE UP FOR...FOR...!
*STH #247.
YOU WILL NOT DO THIS NOW.
I...NICOLE?

WE'RE ALL OFF-BALANCE FROM THE DUAL MEMORIES. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO MANAGE THIS CRISIS. TO DO THAT, WE NEED YOU TO ORGANIZE AND DIRECT US. THERE IS NOBODY ELSE WHO CAN COORDINATE US BETTER THAN YOU. YOU INSPIRED DULCY. YOU HELPED OUT LUPE. YOU ARE THE BEST TO LEAD US. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER, SALLY. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, AS USUAL. THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME AT ALL.
I KEPT WATCH WHILE YOU WERE TALKING! TEAM FREEDOM OPENED UP A SEWER LINE AND ARE GOING TO HELP PEOPLE TRAPPED IN A SUBWAY CAR! TEAM FIGHTERS ARE MOVING PEOPLE FROM CASINOPOLIS TO THE ROOFTOPS! I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL THEM TO DO, THOUGH!
I'LL HANDLE THINGS FROM HERE.
NICOLE--SEE IF YOU CAN CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF DADDY, VANILLA, AND ALL OUR FRIENDS ABROAD. THEN START MAPPING OUT THE HARDEST-HIT AREAS.
ON IT.
PERFECT REPORT, CREAM. THANK YOU FOR PICKING UP MY SLACK.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I KNOW THE WORLD WAS CHANGED, AND YOU REMEMBER BAD THINGS HAPPENING...BUT THOSE THINGS ARE GONE NOW.
IF ANYONE IS TO BLAME...


"...IT'S THAT AWFUL DR. EGGMAN!"
ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
ORBOT SASSY ASSISTANT
EGGNET SATELLITE DATA IS IN--THE PLANET'S CRUST IS COMPLETELY SHATTERED. MOST OF THE FAULT LINES ARE ALONG THE KNOWN TECTONIC PLATES' BORDERS, BUT I'M MAPPING OUT EVERYTHING NOW.
EGG BOSSES 'ROUND DA WORLD REPORTIN' A SPIKE IN DAT WEIRD ENERGY THAT WAS SEEPIN' OUTTA THE GROUND.* Y'KNOW, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE PANIC 'N' SUCH.
CUBOT HAS A FAULTY VOICE CHIP
BAH! AND ON TOP OF IT ALL, THE FINAL RESULTS ARE IN ON THE SUPER GENESIS WAVE'S ENERGY-SHADOW--THERE'S NO WAY TO UNDO THE REALITY SHIFT! WHAT A WORLD I'VE INHERITED!
*STH #254.
WHICH, IF YOU HADN'T INTERRUPTED SUPER SONIC ...**
**STH #251.
DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK THE EGG EMPEROR
BRING THAT UP ONE MORE TIME, AND I'LL HOLLOW YOU OUT INTO MATCHING SOUP AND SALAD BOWLS!
...LIKE YOU'D EAT SOUP OR A SALAD...
HUMPH. I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO FIX THE WORLD WHILE THERE'S STILL SOME OF IT LEFT TO FIX. OTHERWISE, I'LL BE LEFT WITH NOTHING TO BRUTALLY CONQUER AND LORD OVER!

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SORT BY RELEVANCE, AAAAAND... THAT'S IT? *HMM...*
"RENOWNED ARCHEOLOGIST AND HISTORICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST PROF. DILLON PICKLE HAS BEGUN TO DECIPHER THE ANCIENT GAIA MANUSCRIPTS."
YADDA-YADDA-YADDA— "..WHICH, ACCORDING TO PICKLE, CHRONICLE A CYCLICAL WORLD DESTRUCTION-AND-REBIRTH COSMOLOGY..." *HMM...*
ARE ANY EGG ARMY UNITS FREE NEAR SPAGONIA?
NO, BOSS. THEY'RE ALL BUSY SECURING THEIR TERRITORIES. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD, BUT THE WORLD HAS SHATTERED APART.
SHUT UP! WHAT ABOUT BADNIK HORDES?
E-107 ETA'S UNIT IS THE NEAREST.
GOOD. SEND THAT UNIT TO SPAGONIA UNIVERSITY. HAVE THEM GRAB ANYTHING AND *ANYONE* REMOTELY RELATED TO PROF. PICKLE'S RESEARCH AND BRING THEM TO ME.
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT SINCE IT'S MY *ONLY* LEAD, I NEED TO BE THOROUGH. THERE *HAS* TO BE A WAY TO MANAGE THIS CRISIS.

MEANWHILE...
OKAY, SERIOUSLY, THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY OF MANAGING THIS CRISIS.
T-PUP? OMOCHAO? ANYONE AROUND TO HEAR ME?
'CAUSE I'M RUNNING OUT OF ROOFTOP AND CAN'T REALLY STOP, SOOOOO...
...LITTLE HELP?
SOME-BODY?!

WHEW! THANKS, AMY.
OH, PLEASE. THIS COMING FROM THE MASTER OF THE IN-APPROPRIATELY-TIMED ONE-LINERS.
YEAH, BUT WHEN I DO IT, IT'S COOL!
MY PLEASURE. I ALWAYS DID WANT TO SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET.
YOU'RE FLIRTING WITH ME? HERE? NOW?
SORRY ABOUT THE CLOSE CALL THERE, SONIC. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE.
DON'T SWEAT IT, SAL--WE'RE TIGHT ON FLYING CAMERA-RADIO-THINGIES. DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF EVAC PLAN?
'CAUSE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF BUILD-INGS.

MAYBE, ROTOR? WE NEED AN EVAC PLAN. CAN THE SKY PATROL...?
RRRGH--NOPE! IT WAS BUILT TO HOLD ABOUT TWO DOZEN PEOPLE. SHE'S A MOBILE BASE, NOT A FERRY.
WHAT ABOUT THE SUBWAY LINE? CAN WE MOVE PEOPLE TO SAFETY ELSEWHERE?
SUBWAY'S A WRECK...
...AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MANAGEMENT OR GEAR TO GET IT WORKING AGAIN. I'M NOT EVEN SURE THE RAILS ARE INTACT.
SALLY, WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE TOP-SIDE.
WHICH IS QUICKLY BECOMING LESS OF AN OPTION. WE SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HANDLE THIS. LET ME THINK...
WORK IT OUT FOR US, SAL.
UNTIL THEN, I'M GOING TO KEEP MOVING.
I'M GOING TO SAVE EVERY SINGLE PERSON HERE SINGLE-HANDEDLY, IF I HAVE TO.
KSHK! THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF STATION SQUARE!

THIS IS CPT. AMANDA TOWER OF THE U.F.A.F. *LETTER OF GABRIEL.* G.U.N. FORCES ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO RESCUE YOU.

PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND GIVE YOUR FULL COOPERATION TO THE G.U.N TROOPS *AND* THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE *WILL* PROTECT YOU. YOU *WILL* BE SAFE.

HAIL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' SHIP--THE WHATEVER-IT'S-CALLED.

HELLO? THIS IS PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF THE SKY PATROL.

A PLEASURE, YOUR HIGHNESS. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A HAND.

YES! THANK YOU!

YOUR TIMING COULDN'T BE BETTER!

THANK US? THANK YOU! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WE'D BE DOING CLEAN-UP INSTEAD OF RESCUE. KUDOS FOR EXPERTLY MANAGING THIS CRISIS WITH SUCH A SMALL SQUAD. YOU MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE HERE.

IT'S *OKAY.* I...*WE* WILL BE *OKAY.*

AHEM EXCUSE ME. WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH TEAM DARK INSTEAD OF G.U.N. DIRECTLY.

REST ASSURED, YOUR HIGHNESS, THEY'RE DOING THEIR PART TO PROTECT THE WORLD.*

*SEE "SHADOW FALL" --BEGINNING IN SONIC UNIVERSE #59...ON SALE NOW!

LATER...

I'M *BEAT.* I'LL POWER-NAP EN ROUTE TO THE NEXT CRISIS, THEN...

SHHH!

...AND WE'RE ALL VERY SAFE AND SECURE ON THE SKY PATROL. YOU REALLY OUGHT TO VISIT, MOTHER. IT'S AMAZING!

I'M SURE IT IS, DEAR. YOU STAY CLOSE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND STAY SAFE. GEMERL WILL HELP ME LOOK AFTER CHOCOLA. I LOVE YOU, CREAM.

I L-LOVE YOU, T-TOO, M-MOM...

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

THINK NOTHING OF IT, M'LADY.

I--I'M OKAY... RE-RE-REALLY...

HOW'S THE KINGDOM, DADDY?

IT SEEMS WESTSIDE ISLAND ON A WHOLE WAS SPARED THE WORST.

WHAT HAVE YOU GATHERED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD?

THANKS TO THE ACCESS CODES SALLY STOLE FROM THE DEATH EGG,* WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO COMPARE DATA FROM THE EGGNET WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. IT APPEARS THE CHUNKS OF CRUST HAVE STABILIZED--FOR NOW.

AND WHILE THAT'S NICE, WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION AS TO HOW ANYONE CAN BREATHE, OR HOW THE OCEANS STILL FUNCTION, OR WHAT'S KEEPING THE PIECES OF THE WORLD'S CRUST FLOATING.

WE JUST SAVED A CITY. CAN'T WE JUST CHALK IT UP TO "MAGIC"...

...AND CALL IT A DAY?

*STH #252,255-256.

A SMASHING IDEA, I'D SAY. FOR NOW, AT LEAST. REST UP, HEROES. YOU'LL BE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. MOBOTROPOLIS SIGNING OFF.

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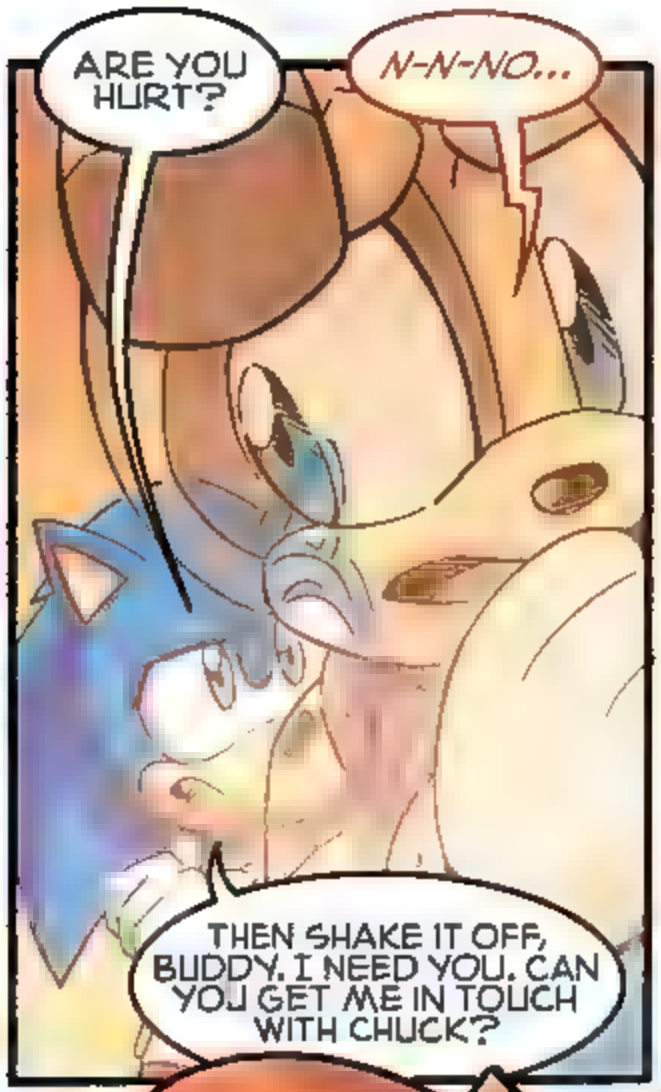
WHOOF! TODAY WAS SO CRAZY, I ALMOST COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT OUR OTHER WORLD...THE CONFLICTING MEMORIES...
...HUH... ME, TOO.
YOU KNOW...I FEEL BAD SAYING THIS...I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD CARE MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED, BUT...IT'S ALMOST LIKE HAVING A VIVID DREAM, AND EVEN WHEN YOU WAKE UP... AFTER A LITTLE WHILE...
IT FADES AWAY? YEAH, I GET YA. BUT LET'S WORRY ABOUT ONE CRISIS AT A TIME, RIGHT?
WELL, YEAH, THE SHATTERING PLANET IS IMPORTANT. BUT... YOU'LL STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
SURE, BUD. NO WORRIES.
YO, NICOLE! CAN YOU GIVE CHUCK A CALL IN SPAGONIA?
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO DO SO. LET'S HOPE THEIR LINES ARE STILL UP.

H-H-HELLO ?!
HEY! MUTTSKI! IS THE UNIVERSITY STILL STANDING?
Y-Y-Y-YEAH... B-BUT...


ARE YOU HURT?
N-N-NO...
THEN SHAKE IT OFF, BUDDY. I NEED YOU. CAN YOU GET ME IN TOUCH WITH CHUCK?

SEE, I'M THINKING THE QUAKES WE DEALT WITH IN WOOD ZONE AND METROPOLIS ZONE WERE ALL CONNECTED TO WHAT WE WENT THROUGH TODAY.* SINCE CHUCK WAS RESEARCHING THAT WEIRD ENERGY-GUNK COMING FROM THE FISSURES, I FIGURE HE'D KNOW IF THERE WAS A CONNECTION TO IT ALL.
THAT'S ...RATHER ASTUTE.
YEAH, I'M TOTALLY THAT THING YOU JUST CALLED ME.
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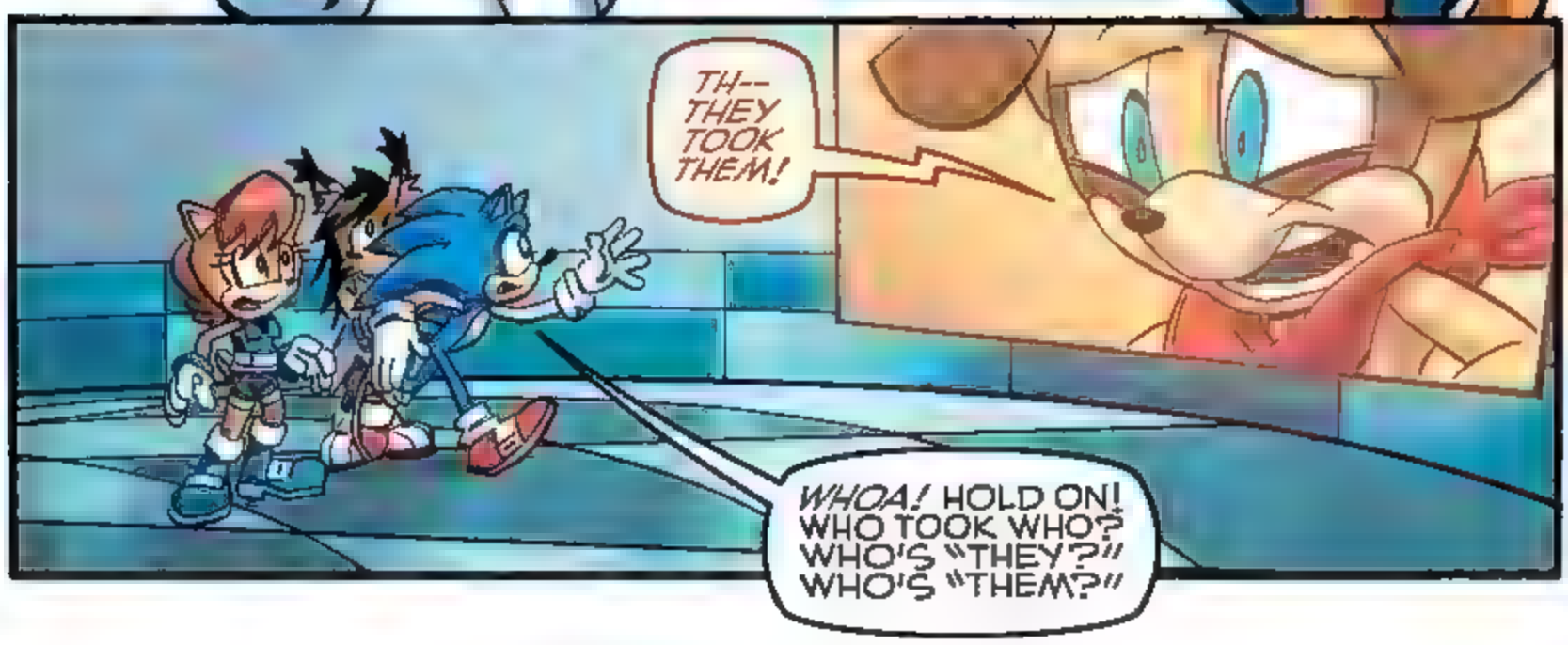
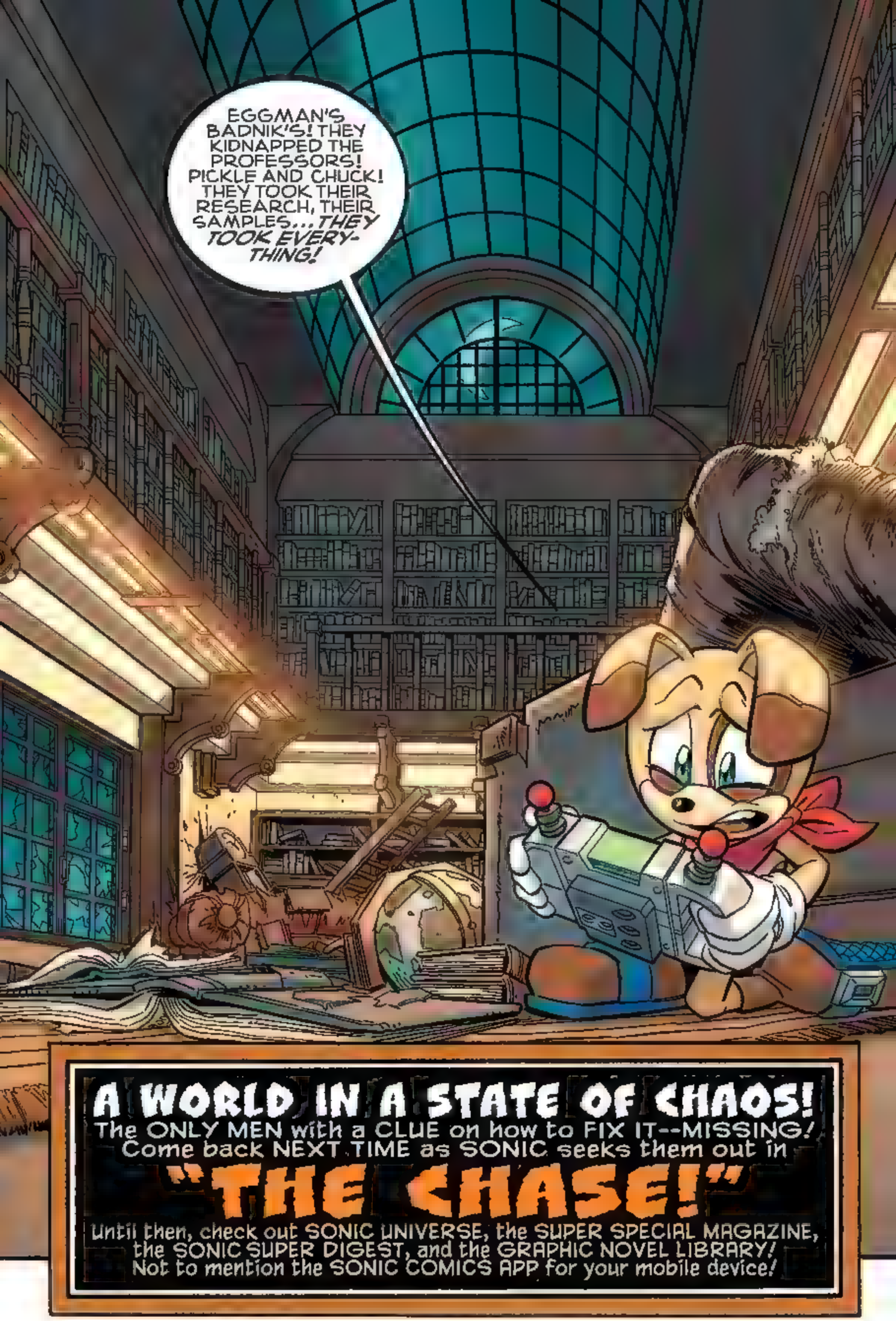

TH-- THEY TOOK THEM!
WHOA! HOLD ON! WHO TOOK WHO? WHO'S "THEY?" WHO'S "THEM?"



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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
Hey I am Josh, a seventh grader who loves Sonic and may be your biggest fan! I have been reading comics for a long time and Sonic is my life! I didn't know about the comics before, so I only used to play the games.Then I found out about them and I have been reading them ever since.

Hey there, Josh! Glad you joined in on Sonic's comic adventures!

I love Sonic because he runs fast and I can run super fast too! I wish to one day be the fastest person on earth.

Keep running like the Blue Blur and maybe we'll see you in the olympic games one day!

Your comics have really inspired me and I have a few things to say.

You'll have the unusual!

...waitaminute...

First I want to say that Ian Flynn's writing along with Jamal Peppers and Tracy Yardley's art is amazing and really caught my eye! So please tell them they are amazing and I hope the best for them.

Will do! We have a big team of talented artists and they all contribute something amazing to the comic!

Next I want to say that you guys are really creative in your stories and I have an idea for you. I was wondering if you could make a saga when Sonic, Shadow and Silver have to team up. I think this will be really cool because they are really amazing and interesting characters! The fans will love it!

Great idea! It could be The Three Hedgehog-a-teers!

The last thing I want to say is an idea for a new series like Sonic Universe. I was thinking that maybe you guys could make a completely different series based on all the video games like Sonic Unleashed and Sonic Riders. I think it will be really cool if we could actually read and see the action of our favorite games! Hope you guys keep on running!:)

From your speedy fan,
Josh K.
from Texas

Thanks for the letter, Josh! An all new series strictly for the games is a neat idea! We actually have made a whole bunch of comic adaptations of the Sonic video games already! You can read them in Sonic Select Vol. 9, coming soon!

That's all the room we have! See y'all next month for the first of a two-part, high velocity adventure, THE CHASE!

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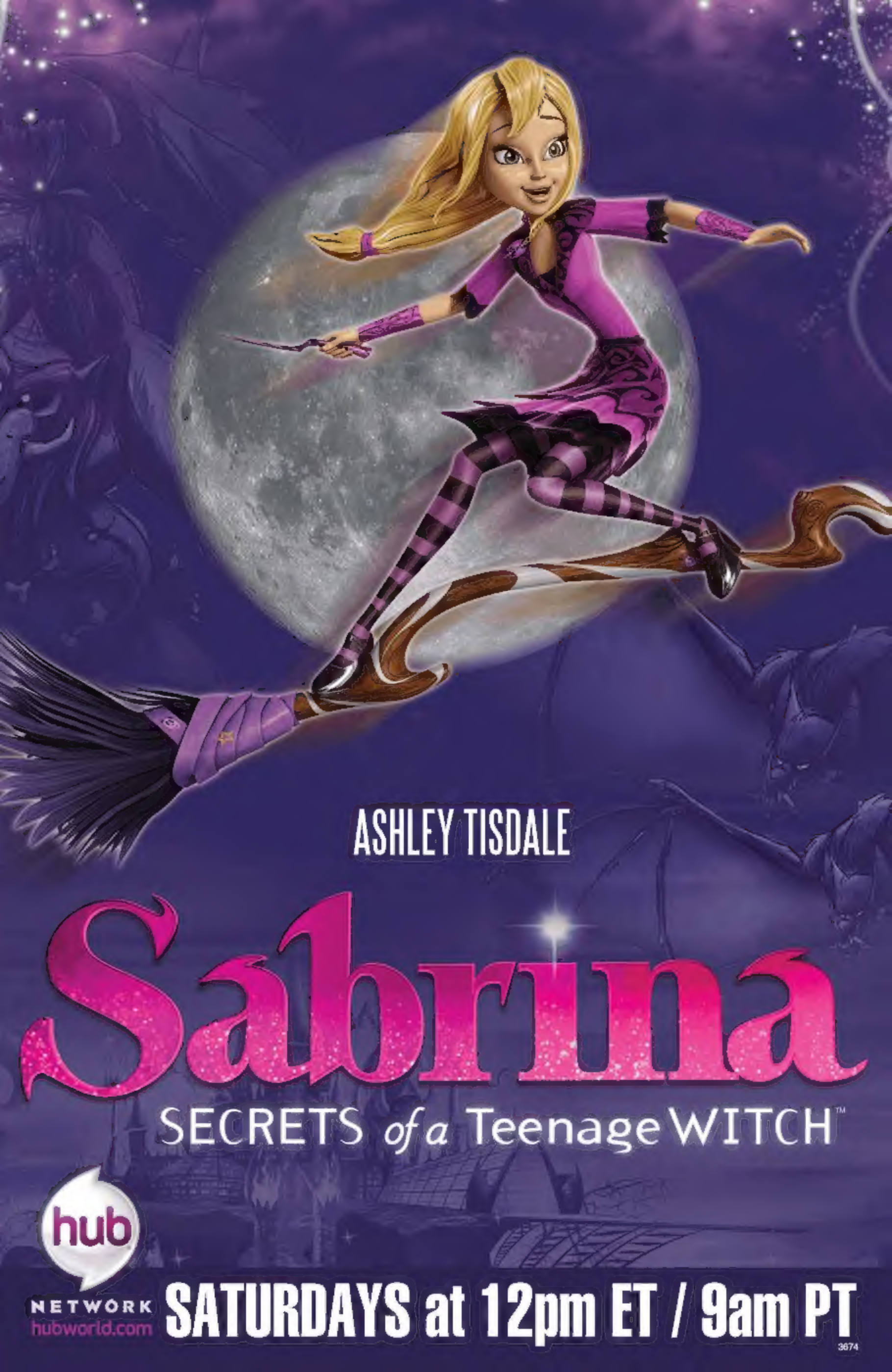
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